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Dear administrators:

I am writing to support petitions banning forced molting. This pertains to docket # 98P-0203/CP. The horrible cruelties visited on innocent animals trapped in the food production chain in this country are an abomination. Just as one thinks it can't get any worse, it does.

Should not the Food and Drug Administration take into account the concerns of ordinary citizens rather than being completely beholden to agribusiness? Public opinion polls indicate an overwhelming majority of the population is willing to pay more for meat in order to ensure that food animals are treated humanely. As more people learn about the atrocities taking place behind closed barn doors, the consumer revolt against factory farming will surely grow. One hopes that FDA officials will catch on and seek ways of balancing commercial interests with humanitarian principles.

Sincerely,

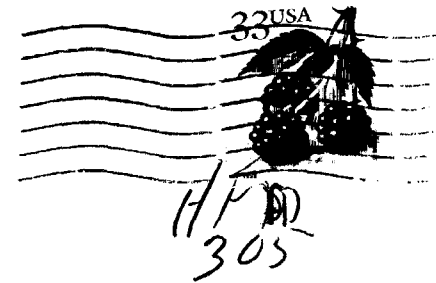
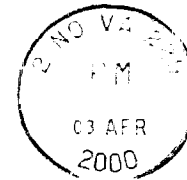


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